

REGISTRATION OF NEW SOCIETIES AND RULES.

Two isolated friendly societies were registered during the year, viz., The Point Elizabeth Accident Relief Fund and the Waihi United Friendly Societies Conference.

COMPLETE AMENDMENTS OF RULES REGISTERED.

Complete amendments of the rules of the following societies and branches were registered during the year, viz.:—

- M.U.I.O.O.F.—Fountain of Friendship and Parnell Lodges (Auckland District); Rangitikei, Manchester, Wanganui, Hautapu, and Awarua Lodges (Wanganui District); Sister Wallis Lodge (Wellington District); Howard Lodge (Nelson District); Phillipstown Lodge (North Canterbury District); Heart of Friendship Lodge (South Canterbury District); and Dalton Lodge (Otago District).
- I.O.O.F.—District and Star of Canterbury Lodge.
- A.O.F.—Court Inglewood Forest (Taranaki District).
- U.A.O.D.—Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland.
- W.M.C.—Petone Working-men's Club and Literary Institute, Christchurch Working-men's Club and Mutual School of Arts, and Palmerston North Working-men's Club and Literary Institute.

PARTIAL AMENDMENTS OF RULES REGISTERED.

Partial amendments for the following were made:—

- M.U.I.O.O.F.—Auckland and Wanganui Districts.
- A.O.F.—Hawke's Bay District, and Court Star of Canterbury (Canterbury United District).
- U.A.O.D.—Grand Lodge of Canterbury District.
- I.O.R.—New Zealand District.
- S. and D.T.—National Division.
- I.F.S.—Auckland Tramways Sick and Accident Friendly Society, Millerton Collieries Medical and Accident Relief Association, Auckland United Friendly Societies' Dispensary, Auckland United Friendly Societies' Medical Institute (twice), Christchurch United Friendly Societies' Dispensary, and the Denniston Collieries Medical and Accident Relief Association.
- W.M.C.—Auckland Working-men's Club and Mechanics' Institute, and Oxford Working-men's Club.
- S.A.S.—Hawke's Bay United Friendly Societies' Dispensary.

CANCELLATIONS BY DISSOLUTION, ETC.

Registration of the following were cancelled:—

- I.O.O.F.—Otaki and Victoria Rebekah Lodges.
- A.O.F.—Courts Aroha and Star of the North (Auckland District).
- I.O.R.—Progress Tent (New Zealand Central District).
- I.F.S.—Auckland Labourers' Accident Fund Association, Wellington Branch Australian Natives' Association, Chinese Friendly Society of New Zealand.
- S.A.S.—Sydenham Brass Band.

AMALGAMATIONS.

The Maraekakaho Lodge, of the Hawke's Bay District of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows, amalgamated with the Hastings branch of the same society.

CONVERSIONS.

M.U.I.O.O.F.—Wanganui District was converted into a branch of New Zealand branch of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Wanganui Lodge into a branch of the Wanganui District; and the Heart of Friendship Lodge of the Lyttelton District into a branch of the South Canterbury District.

A.O.F.—Court Foresters Pride into a branch of South Canterbury District.

U.A.O.D.—Takaka Lodge into a branch of the District Grand Lodge of the North Island of New Zealand.

RETURNS AND STATISTICS.

In order to bring the publication of the finances and statistics of societies as up-to-date as possible, special arrangements were made to insure the inclusion of the 1906 returns in this report. It had hitherto been found impracticable to publish these tables until the second year, some eighteen months after the accounts closed, by which time the information had lost much of its interest and usefulness to societies. When it is considered that in some of the other States these returns are required by law to reach the Registrar one month after the close of the year, there should be no excuse for non-compliance after the three months' grace allowed in New Zealand. In one Australian State, out of 1,366 returns due, one-half were received by the 1st February. A circular was therefore sent to all secretaries in New Zealand, bringing under their notice the desirability of effecting an alteration in this respect, and pointing out that, if their returns were promptly for-